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9. [] Received a call from Wilkie Donelson of OMB, who said that OMB Director Ash has been asked to testify before the Senate Committee on Aeronautical and Space Sciences on two legislative proposals having to do with the ERTS program and NASA. Donelson said he was preparing a letter for Ash's signature to Chairman Frank R. Moss suggesting that before he appears before the Committee he feels it desirable that Chairman Moss and Senator Goldwater (ranking minority member on the Committee) receive a briefing on the classified satellite reconnaissance photography. Donelson said he thought Carl Duckett, DDS&T, would be the man to give such a briefing. Donelson wonders if we have any objection to such a proposal from Ash. I reminded Donelson of Senator John C. Stennis' (and Representative Mahon's) objections to the use of our satellite photography for civil uses and said I would want to talk to Duckett and the Director about this matter. STAT

10. [] Met with Frank Slatinshek, Chief Counsel, House Armed Services Committee staff, and covered the following: STAT

I left with him a copy of John Warner's, OGC, suggested draft of a letter from Chairman Nedzi to GAO requesting that GAO review the proposed sale of Air Asia. Slatinshek said he thought the paragraph stating that this should not be considered as a precedent was too strong and he would tone it down somewhat.

I briefed him on the Ridenhour article in the magazine New Times on Intermountain Aviation, Inc.

I gave him a briefing on the Agee case pointing out that Agee had not been disaffected or otherwise hostile toward the Agency at the time of his resignation [] In fact, he resigned as a result of a domestic situation that the Ambassador could not tolerate. STAT

I left with him the page that had been omitted from the Baker report as released by Senator Baker's minority staff.

I left with him a copy of the Director's letter to Comptroller General Staats on the GAO report on the Laos ceiling.

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11. (Internal Use Only - GLC) Talked with Art Kuhl, Chief Clerk, Senate Foreign Relations Committee staff, about the Abourezk amendment (#1511) to the Foreign Aid bill (S. 3394), precluding any contact or assistance to foreign police, law enforcement or internal security officials. I said this would create serious problems for us. Kuhl said that Committee markup will not take place for a while and after checking with Norvill Jones, Professional Staff Member, Senate Foreign Relations Committee, he informed me that AID had been asked for Executive branch views on the amendment.

In response to my inquiry, Kuhl said that Pat Holt, Chief of Staff, Senate Foreign Relations Committee, was expected to return from his trip to Cuba tomorrow but would be tied up in the preparation of his report to the Committee until the latter part of the week. I said we would be interested in talking to Holt about his trip and I would call Holt directly on Friday or early next week.

12. (Internal Use Only - GLC) Met with Ed Braswell, Chief Counsel and Staff Director, Senate Armed Services Committee staff and covered the following items:

I left with Braswell a copy of Senator Edmund S. Muskie's (D., Maine) letter asking that we provide periodic reports to his committee regarding our security practices and procedures (omitting any sensitive information). I said I thought we had no choice but to cooperate with Senator Muskie on this and Braswell agreed.

I advised him of an inquiry we had received from Quincy Rogers, of Senator Charles Mathias' (R., Md.) staff, about possible access by the Senator

Braswell agreed with our position that this material would be made available to the Senate Judiciary Committee if that Committee was interested in receiving it.

I left with Braswell a copy of the Director's letter to Comptroller General Staats commenting on the GAO report on the Laos ceiling.

I briefed him on the Agee case pointing out that Agee left the Agency as a result of domestic problems and not because of any disaffection or hostilities toward the Agency at that time.

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SUBJECT: Prohibition of Police Training

1. Senator Abourezk's amendment to S. 3394 amending the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 (attached) would deal a crippling blow to existing U. S. relationships with foreign intelligence and internal security services, including some which are national police services. This damage is accomplished by the inclusion in the amendment of the phrases "or any other law," by the unqualified wording "or other internal security forces or any foreign government within the United States or abroad," and by the unqualified phrase "training...for police." In effect, it makes the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 an umbrella for controlling practically all activities with foreign security services.

2. In many areas of the world, there is a heavy U. S. dependency on the effectiveness and support of foreign internal security services, not only for the protection of U. S. personnel, installations and security interests, but also for collaboration, including joint operations, against intelligence targets of mutual concern. Indeed, in Latin America, for example, increasingly expanded Soviet presence and the expected appearance of additional PRC and Cuban installations over the next two years will require even more dependence on liaison support and cooperation, especially in view of the cutback in U. S. operations. The amendment would put a strict limitation on the extent of support given to security services working against targets of the highest importance to U. S. interests. Furthermore, the amendment comes at a time when the active terrorist threat is at its highest level; and its enactment would be incomprehensible to the foreign services affected. Interpreted literally, the amendment would preclude U. S. extensive guidance and support to foreign security services in dealing with the Palestinian threat often targeted against senior U. S. officials and installations.

3. The training of foreign security and intelligence services, including members of police services, is an essential tool in the conduct of U. S. operational missions and is vital to continuing cooperation with

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these services for the accomplishment of a variety of objectives: joint operations for narcotics interdiction, countering international terrorism, hijacking, and subversive insurgency when clearly in the U. S. interest, and support of other approved programs undertaken to further U. S. foreign policy. The literal application of the Abourezk amendment would seriously limit or preclude such training.

4. The existing prohibition of police training in the Foreign Assistance Act of 1973 (Public Law 93-189) permits a clear distinction between specialized training of individuals and police training in general for law enforcement purposes. It is urged that any amendment to S. 3394 to prohibit police training be in accordance with the existing prohibition and not be extended to preclude U. S. support of activities of foreign security services which are clearly in the national interest.

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Abourezk Amendment

to S. 3394

AMENDMENT No. 1511

On page 7, between lines 13 and 14, insert the following new section:

PROHIBITING POLICE TRAINING

SEC. 10. (a) Chapter 3 of part III of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 is amended by adding at the end thereof the following new section:

"SEC. 659. (a) Prohibiting Police Training.--None of the funds made available to carry out this or any other law, and none of the local currencies accruing under this or any other law, shall be used to provide training or advice, or provide any financial support, for police, prisons, or other internal security forces of any foreign government or any program of internal intelligence or surveillance on behalf of any foreign government within the United States or abroad.

"(b) Subsection (a) of this section shall not apply--

"(1) with respect to assistance rendered under section 515(c) of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968, or with respect to any authority of the Drug Enforcement Administration or the Federal Bureau of Investigation which relates to crimes of the nature which are unlawful under the laws of the United States; or

"(2) to any contract entered into prior to the date of enactment of this section with any person, organization, or agency of the United States Government to provide personnel to conduct, or assist in conducting, any such program.

Notwithstanding clause (2), subsection (a) shall apply to any renewal or extension of any contract referred to in such paragraph entered into on or after such date of enactment."

(b) Section 112 of such Act is repealed. On page 7, line 16, strike out "Sec. 10" and insert in lieu thereof "Sec. 11".

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